(c) whether to fund the mega project, his Ministry are considering to seek market borrowings worth Rs. 30,000 crore and also external assistance and also from private capital to meet demands for completion of these projects; and

(d) to what extent Government have been able to collect money and the progress made, so far?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) A presentation was made by the Planning Commission before the Committee on Infrastructure for the proposed programme for upgradation of National Highways in next seven years (2005-2012) at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,72,000 crore (including Rs. 75,000 crore from Private Participation).

(c) and (d) It is too early to indicate the requirement of market borrowing or external assistance for the programme for upgradation of National Highways.

Agreement with Anti Doping Agency

*231. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have signed an agreement with the World Anti Doping Agency, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to educate athletes about anti-doping and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir. However, the Government of India is a founder member of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

(b) Does not arise. However, Government has signed the Copenhagen Declaration on Anti-Doping in Sports. This international declaration enables Government to support the role of WADA. It has been decided to set up a National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) as an autonomous registered society under the Ministry. This Agency would work closely with WADA to fight the menace of doping in sports.

(c) The control of doping in sports is primarily the responsibility of the Indian Olympic Association and the National Sports Federations. The

Ministry and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) have made serious efforts to keep our sportspersons away from use of prohibited drugs. During the coaching camps, strict instructions have been given to the coaches attached with the campers, to educate and regularly counsel the sportspersons about the banned drugs and their harmful effects. Apart from this, Sports medicine doctors at Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala and other regional centres conduct lectures, during camps to educate the players not to use any banned drugs. The list of banned drugs and placards for education of players are being put in the rooms of the campers. Rooms and belongings of the players are also searched and checked at regular periodicity to see that no banned drugs are used, besides testing the urine samples of sports persons during the coaching camps at random.

In addition, Dope Control Centre of Sports Authority of India (SAI), has published two booklets namely, 'Drugs in Sports - Directory' and 'Drug Education Hand Book on Drug Abuse in Sports' in 2004 and 2005 respectively for disseminating information, spreading awareness about prohibited substances and methods as well as Indian trade names of medicines containing banned substances among sportspersons, coaches, sports officials and doctors, etc. This information has also been made available on the website titled 'Sportal' which has been launched in 2004.

Repair and Maintenance of Works under MPLADS

†*232. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the agency responsible for repair and maintenance of works got done under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) whether any directions have been issued separately to the State Governments for this and whether any procedure has been prescribed;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the arrangement for monitoring at Government level under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Works got done under the MPLADS Scheme are to be maintained by

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